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In Re: Patent Term Extension  
Application for  
U.S. Patent No. 5,968,973

APPLICATION NOT ELECTED

The application for patent term extension for U.S. Patent No. 5,968,973, claims of which cover the human drug product VEREGEN®, also known as POLYPHENON® E, (sinecatechins) Ointment 15%, is dismissed.

A Reply to Notice of Final Determination and Requirement for Election was filed on February 6, 2009, in the application for patent term extension for U.S. Patent No. 5,795,911, claims of which also cover the human drug product VEREGEN®(sinecatechins). The Reply states that "Applicants elect USP 5,795,911 as the patent for which the patent term extension will be granted."

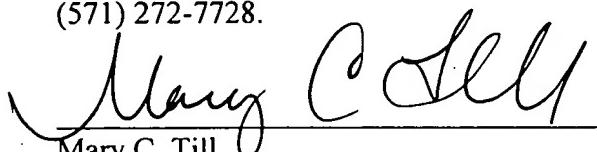
Thus, the application for patent term extension for U.S. Patent No. 5,795,911 will be extended based upon the regulatory review period of VEREGEN® (sinecatechins). Since only one patent may be extended based upon the regulatory review period of a product, the application for patent term extension for 5,968,973 is dismissed.

A single request for reconsideration of this dismissal of the application for patent term extension may be made if filed within one month of the date of this notice. Extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) are not applicable to this time period.

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RE: VEREGEN®, also known as  
POLYPHENON® E, (sinecatechins)  
Ointment 15%  
FDA Docket No.: 2007E-0458

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